

November 16, 2001

**Release of VistA Long-Term Care Purpose of Visit Code  
Patches FB\*3.5\*34 and FB\*3.5\*37**

**1. PURPOSE:** This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive provides implementation instructions for the Veterans Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA) Patches FB\*3.5\*34 and FB\*3.5\*37.

**2. BACKGROUND:** VistA Patches FB\*3.5\*34 and FB\*3.5\*37 add 7 new and 3 name changed Long-Term Care (LTC) Purpose of Visit (POV) codes to VistA file FEE BASIS PURPOSE OF VISIT (#161.82). These codes will enable capture of detailed clinical workload and cost data for LTC services in order to meet the Congressional reporting requirements of the Millennium Act. Patch FB\*3.5\*34 was released on September 18, 2001, while patch FB\*3.5\*37 was released on November 15, 2001. In addition, an LTC Reference Manual supporting these patches was shipped to site Enrollment Coordinators on September 28, 2001. It is also available for viewing at <http://vaww.vistau.med.va.gov/Enrollment/>. VistA Patches FB\*3.5\*34 and FB\*3.5\*37 and purpose codes are as follow:

a. FB\*3.5\*34

- (1) 43 CNH Hospice & Palliative Care (new).
- (2) 44 CNH Respite Care (new).
- (3) 74 Home Health Services (Non-Nursing Professional) (new).
- (4) 76 ADHC (new).
- (5) 71 Outpatient Homemaker/Home Health Aid Services (renamed).
- (6) 77 Outpatient Hospice & Pallative Care (OPT)- Contract/Sharing Agreement (renamed).
- (7) 78 Outpatient Hospice & Pallative Care (OPT)- Fee Basis Authority (CFR 17.50b) (renamed).

b. FB\*3.5\*37

- (1) 72 Respite Care in Homemaker/Home Health Aid Services (new).
- (2) 73 Respite care in ADHC (new).
- (3) 79 Respite Care (other) (new).

**THIS VHA DIRECTIVE EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2001**

## **VHA DIRECTIVE 2001-066**

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**3. POLICY:** Public Law 106-117, The Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act (Millennium Act) implemented new Long-Term Care (LTC) provisions for VHA beneficiaries. This act requires that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provide extended LTC services to certain veterans and report on those services to Congress.

### **4. ACTION**

- a. Facility Directors must ensure installation of patches within 10 days of receipt.
- b. Facility Directors must ensure appropriate facility staff are aware of new codes and receive supporting documents and training as necessary.

**5. REFERENCE:** Public Law 106-117, The "Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act," Title 38, United States Code, Chapter 17, Sections, 1701, 1705, 1710, 1720, 1730, and 1741.

**6. FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY:** Health Administration Services (10C3) is responsible for the content of this Directive. Questions may be directed to Rex Gilmore at (202) 273-8300.

**7. RESCISSION:** None. This VHA Directive expires December 31, 2001.

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